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SUBJECT: ADDIS ABABA-DJIBOUTI RAILWAY ATTACKED - II

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1. JUNE 3 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED "MINOR DAMAGES" TO TWO FRANCO-ETHIOPIAN RAILWAY BRIDGES CAUSED BY "INFILTRATING BANDITS AND INTERNAL RACTIONARIES". ONE BRIDGE REPORTEDLY LOCATED 4 KMS. WEST OF DIRE DAWA AND OTHER 233 KMS. FROM DJIBOUTI (APPROXIMATELY 110 KMS. EAST OF DIRE DAWA), NOT BOTH WEST OF DIRE DAWA AS REPORTED REFTEL A. RAILWAY SERVICE SUSPENDED, BUT REPAIR WORK PROCEEDING ROUND THE CLOCK. WE HAVE HEARD PREDICTIONS THAT SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED IN TWO DAYS, ALTHOUGH OTHER REPORTS ESTIMATE 1-3 MONTHS.

2. WHILE MEDIA REPORTS OF RAILWAY AND INSURGENT ATTACKS DO NOT DIRECTLY IMPLICATE SOMALIA, THERE STRONG CONDEMNATION IN SEPARATE ANTI-SOMALIA ARTICLE OF "HIRED INFILTRATORS" AND "SOMALI INFILTRATORS." ARTICLE RECOUNTS ALLEGED SOMALI
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LOBBYING AT RECENT TRIPOLI ISLAMIC COUNTRIES CONFERENCE FOR ERITREAN SECESSIONISTS AND TO MAKE GOOD ITS EXPANSIONIST CLAIMS ON OGADEN. HOWEVER, ARTICLE ASSERTS, "ETHIOPIA WILL NEVER BE PARTITIONED." TURNING TO IDEOLOGICAL BATTLEFIELD, ARTICLE ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT SOMALIA'S "SCIENTIFIC SOCIALIST" CREDENTIALS BY CITING PRESIDENT SIAD LE MONDE INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE SAID, "SOMALIA'S SOCIALISM IS

PARTICULAR BRAND, A NATIONAL SOCIALISM, AND NOT A SOCIALISM THAT SPRINGS FROM WORLD OUTLOOK OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM." SOMALIA'S SOCIALISM FURTHER CHARACTERIZED AS MEANS TO ERADICATE ETHNIC DIFFERENCES RATHER THAN COMMITMENT TO FOUND TRULY SOCIALIST SOCIETY.

3. FOR DJIBOUTI: ALTHOUGH DJIBOUTI NOT MAIN PORT OF ENTRY FOR ETHIOPIAN POL SUPPLIES, ETHIOPIA DOES DEPEND ON DJIBOUTI PORT AND ADDIS-DJIBOUTI RAILROAD FOR IMPORT OF LUBRICANTS (CURRENTLY IN ADEQUATE SUPPLY), JET FUEL A (JP-1), WHICH USED FOR FOREIGN COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS, AVGAS (ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRPLANES INCLUDING TRANSPORTS), AND DIESEL AND GASOLINE FOR DIRE DAWA-HARAR REGION. ALL OTHER POL SUPPLIES PROVIDED BY ROAD FROM ASSAB REFINERY. BRIDGE BETWEEN MELLO AND ADIGLA PROBABLY ONE REFERRED TO AS "233 KMS. FROM DJIBOUTI". EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER BRIDGE BETWEEN CHENELE AND HARROUGH DAMAGED OR NOT. TIENKEN

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